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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE BY SELECT COMMITTEE ON MAY 17:

QUOTE: SELECT COMMITTEE APPLAUDS EXPANDED CONCERN FOR INTERNATIONAL DRUG PROBLEMS BY SWEDISH GOVERNMENT.

QUOTE: LESTER L. WOLFF (D-N.Y.), CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S. HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON NARCOTICS ABUSE AND CONTROL TODAY EXPRESSED THE SATISFACTION OF THE COMMITTEE THAT INTERNATIONAL UNCLASSIFIED

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COOPERATION IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG ABUSE HAS BEEN AFFIRM-ATIVELY ENHANCED BY THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT. ON MAY 11, 1977, THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTED APPROXIMAELY DOLS. 400,000 TO THE UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL. SWEDEN HAS NOW JOINED OTHER GOVERNMENTS, PARTICULARLY NORWAY, IN PROVIDING FUNDS FOR CROP SUBSTITUTION PROGRAMS FOR OPIUM CULTIVATING NATIONS.

QUOTE: THE SELECT COMMITTEE IN ITS STATEMENT OF APRIL 27, 1977, UNDERSCORED RECENT EPIDEMICS OF HEROIN ADDICTION IN GERMANY, ITALY, HOLLAND, AND FRANCE AS INDICATORS OF THE SPREAD OF TRAFFICKING TO DRUG ABUSE THROUGHOUT WESTERN

EUROPE AND URGED THAT NATIONS REINVIGORATE THEIR FINANCIAL AND MORAL SUPPORT FOR THE UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE AND CONTROL. MR. WOLFF STATED: INNER QUOTE: THIS RECENT SWEDISH INITIATIVE IS OF GREAT VALUE TO THE CONTINUING ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS DRUG ABUSE FUND IN CONTROLLING NARCOTICS. END INNER QUOTE. HE CONTINUED, INNER QUOTE: THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON NARCOTICS ABUSE AND CONTROL SEES THE SUPPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS DRUG ABUSE FUND AS A PRIMARY EXAMPLE OF THE NECESSARY WORLDWIDE COOPERATION NEEDED TO FIGHT AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING. END INNER QUOTE. QUOTE: THE SELECT COMMITTEE CONGRATULATED THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION TO UNFDAC AND URGED CONTINUED EXPANSION OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY'S CONCERN AND PARTICIPATION IN THIS ENDEAVOR. END QUOTE. VANCE

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